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Correctional Officer Gilmore

Incident Occuring While Unit Officer on 11 North

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During the month of July of 1988, I was assigned as the Evening Duty Correctional Officer on Unit 11 North.

After the nine o'clock count I was making my routine rounds when I was struck with an object, which later was determined to be a billiard ball. I was knocked unconscious from the blow and fell face first to the floor where I again struck my forehead causing a cut that took several stitches.

While I lay unconscious on the floor, I was assisted by inmate Matthew Ianniello 10212-016, a resident on 11 North. I understand that inmate Ianniello pushed the body alarm button, and stood over me to protect me while other inmates jeered, hooted, and laughed.

The first two Correctional Officers to answer the body alarm were Officers Ventura and Friday, who then took charge and assisted me, and locked down the unit.

Inmate Ianniello should be commended for his outstanding actions in assisting me, and keeping a volatile situation under control which could have resulted in further harm, destruction of government property, and possible escape.

